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3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. This Office Action is in response to an Interview between Mr. Kevin Barner and David Knepper on 3 August 2006 authorizing an Examiner's Amendment to claims 19 and 20 in order to correct or overcome possible interpretation of these claims in violation of 35 USC 101.

Examiner's Amendment

2. Claim 19:

change the preamble from "A program product comprising" to --A computer program embedded on a computer readable medium for implementation on a computer:-- ;
for each "means" of lines 2, 4 and 5 change to --first program instruction means--;
second program instruction means--; and --third program instruction means--,
respectively; and
delete lines 9 and 10.

Claim 20: add underlined text and delete that in brackets[] as noted -

The computer program [product] of Claim 19, wherein the medium [signal bearing signal bearing media] comprises a transmission media or a recordable media.

Attached are clean copies of claims 19 and 20 reflecting the changes described above.

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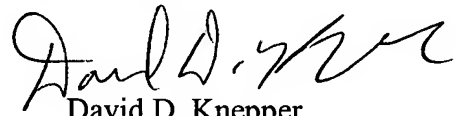
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth, can be reached on (571) 272-7843.

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CLAIMS: This is a clean copy of claims 19 and 20 that can replace previous copies.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) A computer program embedded on a computer readable medium for implementation on a computer:

first program instruction means for calibrating at least one recorded spoken word by controlling each of the at least one recorded spoken words to have substantially the same sound energy;

second program instruction means for presenting the at least one calibrated spoken word to a test subject; and

third program instruction means for measuring a speech reception threshold of the test subject by utilizing the at least one calibrated spoken word, wherein the speech reception threshold is indicative of a sound level at which the test subject can recognize the presented recorded spoken word or words.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) The computer program of Claim 19, wherein the medium comprises a transmission media or a recordable media.